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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(A))

Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to and including February 26, 2004 for responding to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2003. A response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition.

A check in the amount of \$.00 is enclosed herewith.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. 209855.0081) as noted below. A duplicate copy is enclosed.

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